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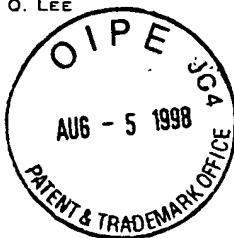
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/030,832; Filed: February 26, 1998
For: **GABA_A Receptor Epsilon Subunits**
Inventors: Hanna *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0950001/EKS/SGW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (20 pages);
3. Copies of references AL1, AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3, AT3, AR4, AS4, AT4, AR5, AS5, AT5, AR6, AS6, AT6, AR7, AS7, AT7, AR8, AS8, AT8, AR9, AS9, AT9, AR10, AS10, AT10, AR11, AS11, AT11, AR12, AS12, AT12, AR13, AS13, AT13, AR14, AS14, AT14, AR15, AS15, AT15, AR16, AS16, AT16, AR17, AS17, AT17, AR18, AS18, AT18, AR19, AS19, AT19, AR20, and AS20; and

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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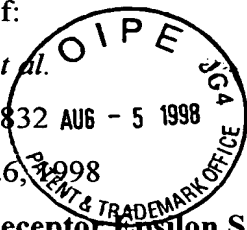
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Additionally, the documents include GenBank reports. The date of the GenBank report listed on the attached PTO-1449 is presently believed to be either the date the entry was first released or the date the entry was last modified.

Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO:1, and the corresponding clone, may be related to SEQ ID NO:5468 and 16523 in co-pending U.S.

Patent Application No. 08/104,507, filed August 9, 1993; SEQ ID NO:6942 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/196,363, filed February 15, 1994; and SEQ ID NO:10738 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/276,163, filed July 15, 1994.

Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO:41, and the corresponding clone, may be related to SEQ ID NO:5468 and 16523 in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/104,507, filed August 9, 1993.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Thus, no statement or fee is required.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency,
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Respectfully submitted,

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